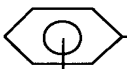in which:

R represents an alkylene or cycloalkylene radical or a bivalent aromatic radical having from 6 to 15 carbon atoms,

n represents an integer such that the molecular weight of the recurring unit is between 400 and 5,000,
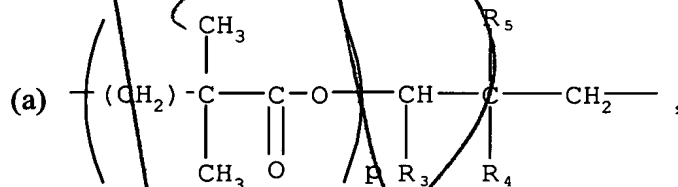
R_1 represents a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of:

(i) $- (CH_2)_m -$, m being an integer between 2 and 12, and

(ii) , the movable bond being in the ortho, meta or para position,

R_2 represents a bivalent radical selected from the group consisting of:
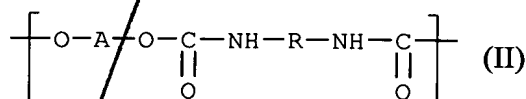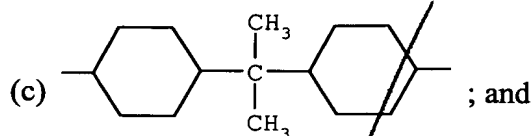
(a) ,

R_3 representing a hydrogen atom or a branched alkyl radical having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms,

R_4 representing a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched alkyl radical having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms,

R_5 representing a linear or branched alkyl radical having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms, and

p being 0 or 1;

(b) ; and

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(c) [chemical structure: two cyclohexane rings connected by a central carbon bearing two CH₃ groups] ; and

$$\left[O-A-O-\overset{O}{\underset{\|}{C}}-NH-R-NH-\overset{O}{\underset{\|}{C}} \right] \quad (II)$$

in which:

R is as defined above for the units of formula (I),

A represents an alkylene radical having from 2 to 20 carbon atoms, substituted with a carboxylic or sulphonic acid function, or interrupted by a tertiary nitrogen atom,

wherein the mole ratio between the units (II) and units (I) being between 1:1 and 10:1,

wherein the carboxylic acid or sulphonic acid function is neutralized with a neutralizing agent selected from the group consisting of an inorganic base and an organic base, and the tertiary nitrogen atom is neutralized with a neutralizing agent selected from the group consisting of an inorganic acid and an organic acid, the degree of neutralization being between 20 and 100%, and

wherein the average diameter of the particles is between 5 and 300 nm.

REMARKS

Claims 13-15 are pending herein. By this Amendment, claims 16-19 are canceled and claim 13 is amended. No new matter is added by this Amendment.

The attached Appendix includes a marked-up copy of the rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. 1.121(c)(ii)).

In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

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